

Director of the Mondale for President campaign.

He is an unabashed lover of people; of politics, policy and law; and of course, of his beloved New York Yankees. He and his late wife, Pearl Elizabeth Love, were a remarkable and loving couple, having raised two great sons, Jason and Benjamin, who have in turn given George two young and vivacious grandchildren, Lilah Pearl and Reid. George has served this country superbly well over the course of his career, and America is the better for it. His insight and guidance will be missed in my office and in offices throughout the Hill, but his dynamic spirit and sense of purpose we take with us as our motivation and driving force.

We thank him for his incredible service, his devoted friendship, and wish him many blessings going forward.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the H.R. 2918, and I commend Chairwoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ for crafting a bill that acknowledges the importance of a well-funded legislative branch while at the same time considers the challenging economic environment.

The bill provides a modest increase for the Government Accountability Office, which I would like to see increased, possibly in conference with the Senate. A robust and healthy GAO is vital if Congress is going to be able to execute our mandate of rigorous oversight.

I am also glad that the bill addresses the issue of staff-led tours. I, with my staff, take great pride in hosting constituents when they visit Washington, D.C. In years past constituents have told me and my staff that their staff-led tour of the Capitol was the highlight of their trip to the city. I make sure that staff-led tours are relevant to my constituents, something that Capitol Tour Guides, while very knowledgeable, simply cannot do when conducting tours with people from all over the country.

I am disappointed, however, in the success of the motion to recommit, which would eliminate funding for the Wheels 4 Wellness program. Wheels 4 Wellness was created to give House staff an alternate mode of transportation around the Hill campus during the business day. As we also prepare to debate climate change legislation, programs that lessen our carbon footprint should be encouraged and supported, not eliminated. I agree with the Committee Report and with the Chairwoman's comments, and I hope to see the shortcomings of the program addressed so that staff will have access to a stronger and more viable Wheels 4 Wellness program.

RECOGNITION OF MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND PRESIDENTS IN THE 8TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following in recognition for their service as past municipal mayors and presidents in the 8th District of Illinois:

Bill Gentes, Round Lake
Scott Gifford, Deer Park
Keith Hunt, Hawthorn Woods
Dick Hyde, Waukegan
Tom Hyde, Island Lake
Cindy Irwin, Fox Lake
Dorothy Larson, Antioch
Catherine Mechert, Bartlett
Ted Mueller, Hainsville
Rita Mullins, Paltine
Timothy Perry, Grayslake
Virginia Povidas, Lakemoor
Salvatore Saccomanno, Wauconda
John Tolomei, Lake Zurich.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency—Emergency Operations Center

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

Address of Recipient: 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$500,000 will be used to assist with planning and construction of a building addition to the existing Kentucky Emergency Operations Center (7,126 sq ft.) which was built in 1975. Staff are currently scattered across Frankfort in three different locations as far as 8 miles apart. During disasters, FEMA and other local, state, and federal partner agencies have no space available in the existing structure. The EOC serves as the primary in-state operations response center for coordination during an emergency.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency—Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

Address of Recipient: 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Description of Request: The Martin County Fiscal Court, through the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, proposes a stream improvement project to mitigate the repetitive damage at Blacklog Fork and Old Route 40 in

Inez. The County proposes to widen the channel in key locations and armor eroding banks for the first two stream miles of Blacklog Fork (above its confluence with Coldwater Fork). Roadways and bridges have already been elevated and correction of the drainage problem will alleviate flooding in this area. The bill includes \$500,000 in planning and construction funds toward this \$700,000 project.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: S&T Research, Development, Acquisition, & Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Institute for Hometown Security, Kentucky

Address of Requesting Entity: 610 Valley Oak Drive, Suite 1, Somerset, Kentucky 42503

Description of Request: The funding will be used to continue to provide leadership in discovering and developing community-based critical infrastructure protection solutions; facilitate commercialization; and encourage deployment. The \$10 million FY10 program will help continue robust research for homeland security solutions and build on this successful partnership.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium

Address of Requesting Entity: Eastern Kentucky University, 50 Stratton Bldg., 521 Lancaster Blvd., Richmond, Kentucky 40475

Description of Request: This \$3 million allocation of FEMA funds will continue robust and tailor-made homeland security and disaster response training to the rural first responder community. The non-federal grant managing entity is Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). EKU manages these grant funds on behalf of itself and its partner institutions; East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee; Iowa Central Community College, Ft. Dodge, Iowa; NorthWest Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, Arkansas; University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio and North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina. The funding will be used to continue to provide and deliver training to rural first responders consistent with the National Preparedness Goal.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name of Requesting Entity: City of Homestead

Address of Requesting Entity: 790 N. Homestead, FL, 33030

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the City of Homestead Water Utility Upgrades. This funding will be used for